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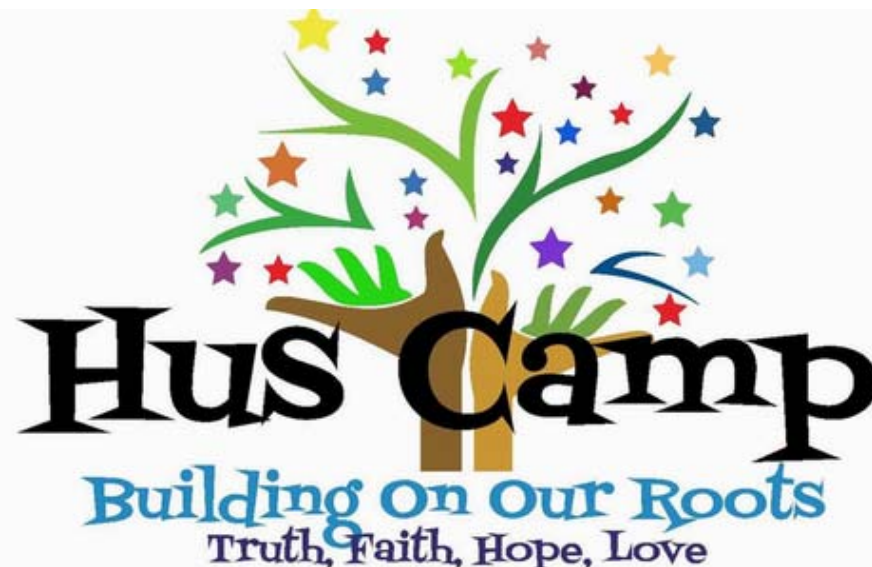
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Building Connections at Camp

- by Reed Olsen

Whenever I want to talk to my friends about something crazy, wacky, or unforgettable that happened to me, it's usually prefaced with the term "You know, at my church camp..." After more than a decade full of camps, retreats, and tournaments in a little nook outside of Caldwell, I've grown connected to the place. To put it simply, the Hus Encampment is where I've made my closest friendships, my greatest memories, and my biggest strides in faith.

The boys that I went to camp with for the past decade are without a doubt the most interesting bunch of characters that you could stumble across. We have guys who strive for absolute dominance in every single competition, guys who constantly are vying for the girls' attention, and naturally, guys who are scheming for legendary pranks for the entire duration of the camp.

It's not like they're contained to one region of Texas, either. Our entire friend group is essentially chunks of Bryan, Taylor, Wall, Nevada, and Illinois, all stuck together with the glue of camp memories.

While it looks like boyish antics to the outside eye, the truth is, we

support each other throughout the year. It's almost like a brotherhood, and something that simply wouldn't exist without the Hus Encampment. As might be expected, we're also great friends with the girls our age (although there's a fair bit of friendly competition at camp), and I know of several instances where some guys would travel a great distance to go to prom with their camp friends.

Of course, all these close friendships are defined by the memories we've made together, and needless to say, there have been some crazy ones. Whether we're falling through ceilings, sneaking into the kitchen to get some snacks late at night, or encouraging each other to eat some "mysterious" gummy bears, the experiences we make at camp stick with us when we leave, and whenever we see each other outside of camp, there are non-stop references made to said experiences. To be honest, one of the reasons I cannot wait to go back every year is so we can make even more crazy memories that will last for the rest of our lives. I've talked to many other kids about their own church camps, and I can honestly say that



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the Hus Encampment is unique in providing a wholesome, yet engaging environment in which to cultivate the future generations.

All of this means nothing, however, if we don't accomplish what the camp was built for, which is to build future leaders for Christ. In my own experience, I've almost grown more spiritually there than at my home church. That's not a knock on any of the churches of our denomination, but it's reasonable to see that youth are more willing to embrace Christ when surrounded by people their own age instead of receiving a message designed to relate to all ages.

While I make it seem like all we do at camp is pranks, games, and shenanigans, that couldn't be further from the truth. There have been tons of times where my cabin mates and I will lay awake late at night, discussing world events and biblical philosophy. Sometimes we even have friendly debates over different perspectives

on God's word. What's important to stress here is that we weren't forced to have these discussions at all, but were inspired by the topics we'd covered that day.

The last night of camp is the traditional "big vesper" night, which is when we look back at what we've learned and forward into the future. It's on that night when I, at least, have the closest moments with the Lord, surrounded by my closest friends.

In conclusion, the Hus Encampment is more than just a summer camp for us. It's a second home, where we live, laugh, and grow together in the presence of Christ. It's given me friends and memories that shaped the man I am today, and these would otherwise be absent without the camp. Most importantly, it molds the next generation in moral values and Christian goodness, and continued support for this endeavor will ensure an even greater number of future leaders will maintain these values.

DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE

Daily Morsels for June 2018

Dorothy E. Kocian
with Mari-Anne Kocian Gordon

All Scripture from the *New Revised Standard Version*
unless otherwise indicated.

1. In repentance and rest is your salvation; in quietness and trust is your strength. Isaiah 30:15
2. Because Your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise You. Psalm 63:3
3. **The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation. Psalm 118:14 (NIV)**
4. The Lord makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters. Isaiah 43:16
5. The Father has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of His beloved Son. Colossians 1:13
6. Glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good. Romans 2:10
7. Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Matthew 16:16
8. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. Colossians 3:17
9. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, Who died, yes, Who was raised, Who is at the right hand of God, Who indeed intercedes for us. Romans 8:34
10. **I had said in my alarm, "I am driven far from Your sight." But You heard my supplications when I cried out to You for help. Psalm 31:22**
11. Who then will offer willingly, consecrating themselves today to the Lord? I Chronicles 29:5
12. Faith was brought to completion by the works. James 2:22
13. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for He Who has promised is faithful. Hebrews 10:23
14. Jesus said, "Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive." Matthew 21:22
15. I will thank you in the great congregation; in the mighty throng I will praise you. Psalm 35:18
16. I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout the world. Romans 1:8
17. **There is one God and Father of all, Who is above all and through all and in all. Ephesians 4:6**
18. Jesus says, "I am the living Bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this Bread will live forever." John 6:51
19. The Father loves the Son and has placed all things in His hands. John 3:35
20. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you. James 4:10
21. The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it. Psalm 24:1
22. We do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. II Corinthians 4:16
23. You have not handed me over to my enemies but have set me in a safe place. Psalm 31:8 (NLT)
24. **Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream. Amos 5:24**
25. Honor the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce. Proverbs 3:9
26. He brought me out into a broad place; He delivered me, because He delighted in me. Psalm 18:19
27. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside still waters; He restores my soul. Psalm 23:2,3
28. Paul said, "In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts 20:35
29. Jesus says, "Those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty." John 4:14
30. It is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be put to shame in any way, but that by my speaking with all boldness, Christ will be exalted now as always in my body, whether by life or by death. Philippians 1:20



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10:30 AM

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– Rev. Mark Sebek

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Sunday except the 5th Sunday.
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Guest speaker on 4th Sunday.
– Rev. John Kueker

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Mission Project since 10-22-11 – Sunday
School at 11:00 AM; Fellowship Lunch
at Noon; Worship at 1:00 PM.
– Rev. Jim Heckman
Co-Pastor, Rev. Kay Polasek

Caldwell – Come as you are! **Sundays** –
explore the Bible @ 9:30 AM (all ages);
KIDS CHOIR practices @ 10:15 AM; &
worship @ 10:30 AM! **Every 1st & 3rd
Wednesday**, join the fun @ Family
Game Night, 6-7:30 PM! Check out
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Crosby – 9:00 AM: Worship
10:00 AM: Faith Adventure
– Dr. Larry Koslovsky

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Fayetteville – Sunday School at 9:30 AM,
worship at 10:30 AM every Sunday.
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Good Shepherd Moravian – worship at
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at 10:15 AM.
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Worship at 10:30 AM every Sunday.
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Worship at 10:15 AM
– Rev. Michael Groseclose

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Worship at 10:00 AM every Sunday,
“Tune Up” on Wednesdays, 7:30 PM.
– Rev. Dave Johnson

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Sunday. Sunday School at 9:00 AM
every Sunday.
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Hus Camp Needs Your Help Can We Count On You?

– The Need –

Due to continued growth and demand for summer youth camps, and
a desire to make the Hus Encampment more accessible for groups
of all ages, our **current facilities are in need of renovation or
replacement to accommodate the needs of our mission.**

– The Solution –

ALPHA - Phase A (Complete)

Kitchen Renovation/Expansion

Complete Renovation, Expansion and Appliance Replacement in the
Hus Camp Kitchen

Cost & Status: This \$228,500 project is funded and completed in
June 2018

Waste Water Treatment System

Complete Replacement and Expansion of the Waste Water Treat-
ment System

Cost & Status: This \$149,000 project is funded and completed in
June 2018



DREAM BIG - Phase B (Current Phase)

Main Building/Dining Hall Renovation

Renovation of the Entire Main Building to Include the Addition of Restrooms

Cost & Status: Final design and fundraising are in progress for this \$200,000 renovation

FUTURE PHASES - Phases C, D, E (Conceptual Designs Complete)

New Dorm/Housing Construction

Addition of a new multi-purpose, ADA compliant housing facility for approximately 200 guests.

Outdoor Gym/Pavilion Common Space

Multi-purpose common space located between the proposed new housing structures.

Parking & Walkways

Designated parking and accessible walkways throughout the campus to maximize space and ensure safety.

Repurposing of Old Boys' Dorm

Utilization of the existing Boys' Dorm as a recreation/craft area.

Knesek Family Funeral Chapels



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HUS SCHOOL ENCAMPMENT SUMMER CAMPS

It's time to register your camper for the summer camping program!
Register by April 15th to get the early bird discount!

Registration forms can be downloaded at
<http://www.huscamp.org/>

	Early Bird Fee (by April 15)	Regular Fee (by May 1)	Late Fee (by May 15)
Encounter	\$200	\$250	\$275
Alpha	\$300	\$350	\$375
Pioneer	\$300	\$350	\$375
Discovery	\$300	\$350	\$375
Challenger	\$300	\$350	\$375



2018 DATES

ENCOUNTER
CAMP
JULY 8-10
(AGES 7-8)

ALPHA CAMP
JUNE 10-14
(AGES 9-10)

PIONEER
CAMP
JUNE 17-22
(AGES 11-13)

DISCOVERY
CAMP
JUNE 24-29
(AGES 14-15)

CHALLENGER
CAMP
JULY 1-6
(AGES 16-19)

QUESTIONS

Contact:
Amy Snelgrove
Camp Programmer
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Summer Youth Worship, Convention, and Volleyball Tournament

Saturday, July 14-Sunday, July 15

ALL REGISTRATION FORMS AND REPORTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 30

Youth Convention at 8:30 a.m.

We will be voting on by-law changes. These proposed amendments are available on the youth website. Leadership Team applications must be received by June 30. Applicants must be able to plan and attend two state activities in addition to the summer retreat (fall retreat, winter retreat, state children's rally).

Worship & Holy Communion at 10:00 a.m.

All participants and visitors are encouraged to attend.

Tournament to follow

Tournament referees are needed. Teams must have all paperwork submitted by the deadline to be eligible to play.

Visit www.unityofthebrethrenyouth.org for registration forms, report forms, and by-law amendment proposals.

Contact Jennifer Chervenka, jennchervenka@gmail.com, if you need more information.

Fayetteville Brethren Church	
Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Pastor – Rev. Joe Emerson P.O. Box 1295 Belton, TX 76513 (254) 931-1653 FayettevilleBrethrenChurch.org	 <p><i>"Site of the First Czech Protestant Preaching in Texas - 1855"</i></p> <p>1022 Kramr Rd at Ross Prairie Church Road P.O. Box 11 • Fayetteville, TX 78940</p>

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– Be A Friend to the Hus Camp –

Show your support and receive current information about what's going on at the Hus Camp. Simply email your contact information (Name, Mailing Address, Email Address & Phone Number) to: Suzie Dusek at sdusek5@gmail.com

– Make A Monthly/Yearly Donation –

On Line - huscamp.org (click on the donate label for credit card info)

Bank Draft - for a recurring monthly bank draft, email James Marek, james@cnbt.com, or call 512-352-6165.

By Mail - make checks payable to Hus Camp Buliding Fund and maile to Todd Corporon, 5350 CR124, Georgetown, TX 78626

– Volunteer to Serve –

Special Events/Fundraising Social Media Church Presentations Work Days Publicity

Get involved by volunteering to serve on a Hus Camp Committee. Simply Email or call us to find out more about working on behalf of the Hus Camp with one of these groups.

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Rick Weise: weise.rick@aol.com (or) 325-656-2620

– Join the Hus Camp Prayer Team –

Become a Hus Camp prayer warrior by signing up to be on our prayer team. Whenever prayers are needed at the camp, you will be notified by email about the prayer request.

To join the team, simply email your contact information (Name, Mailing Address, Email Address & Phone Number) to **husprayer@gmail.com**

Glenda Laza Moreland & Kathy Simcik Harris

Hus Encampment Capital Building Campaign

Pledge Form:

Please accept this joy-filled pledge.

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Signature: _____

Mail donation to:

Todd Corporon, Hus Board Treasurer
5350 County Road 124
Georgetown, TX 78626

Donations are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

SAVE THE DATES...

September 22, 2018 – Fall Synodical Committee meeting at the Hus Encampment in Caldwell, TX. Details & Registrations will be sent to each congregation and should be available for download on the Unity Website in August. For more information, call Donna Verwold at (713) 553-5542 or email dmverold@yahoo.com.

2018 Summer Camp Dates:

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Ages 7-8 years old

Camp Cost: \$250*

Camp Dates: July 8-10

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Ages 9-10 years old

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CHALLENGER

Ages 16-19 years old

Camp Cost: \$350*

Camp Dates: July 1-6

HUS SCHOOL

Not offered in 2018.

For more information about the Hus School Encampment go to:
www.huscamp.org

Does your church/organization have an activity that you would like to include in this listing? Please send activity information including a contact name, phone number, and/or email address to the Brethren Journal Editor at: editor.brethrenjournal@gmail.com. Information must be received by the first day of the month immediately preceding the month of publication.

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July 14-15, 2018 – Summer BYF Retreat, Convention, and Volleyball Tournament at the Hus Encampment. For more information, see flyer in this issue.

July 21, 2018 – 65th Biennial Matural Aid Society Convention at the Taylor Brethren Church. Contact Rev. Joseph Polasek at josephjpolasek@yahoo.com or Natalie Outlaw at NatalieOutlaw@yahoo.com.

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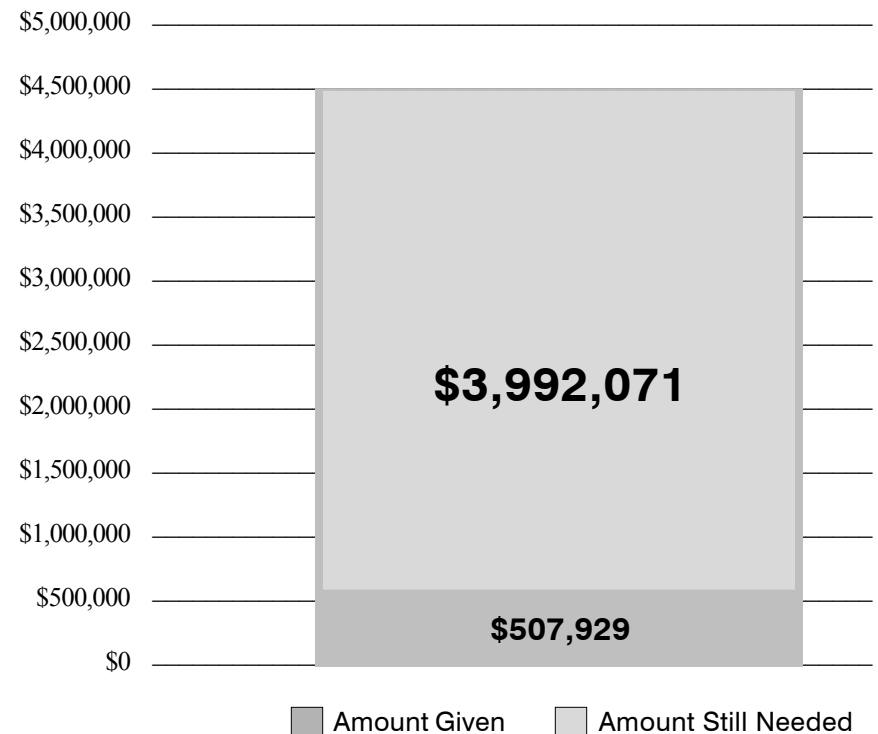
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Hus School Encampment Capital Improvement Project as of May 10, 2018



Current Project

Upgrade of Main Building – \$200,000

Completed Projects

Septic System Upgrade – \$150,000

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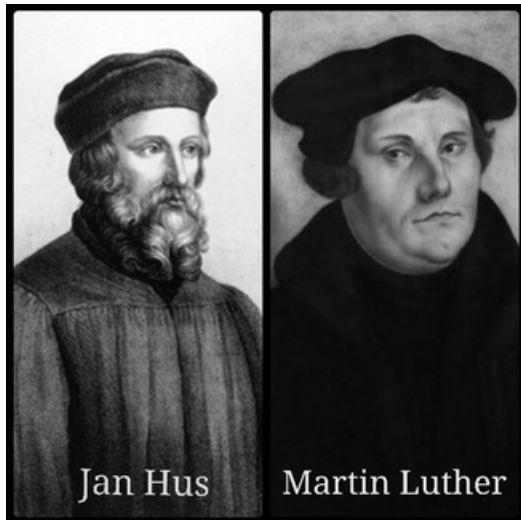
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The Influence of Jan Hus on Martin Luther

- by Rev. Dr. Jerry L. Terrill

Jan (John) Hus was a major influence through his writings on the life and work of Martin Luther. Jan Hus was a university rector, theologian, and pastor/preacher of Bethlehem Chapel in Prague. As a



language, Czech. He was ex-communicated 1409 in part for preaching in his native tongue. Hus further alienated the Pope by writing and speaking against the Pope as the functional head of the

priest, Jan Hus was one of the first Reformation figures to stand firm against the sale of Indulgences. He was one of the first priests to allow the common people to receive both the bread and the wine when taking part in the Holy Eucharist. Hus recognized the need to translate the Holy Bible from the Latin into the local

church. Hus believed that only Christ could be the head of the church. Thus, Hus believed that God through His scripture was the final authority in matters of doctrine and ecclesiology.

In October of 1414, Sigismund, Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire, guaranteed Hus safe conduct to the Council of Constance to defend his

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DON'T WAKE UP THE LIONS GAME

Use the prayer of King Darius (Daniel 6: 26-27) and write one line per sheet of paper. Tape a sheet of paper to each child's back. Tell the children they are lions and they don't like to be messed with, so you want to protect your part of the prayer. When you say GO, they should try to grab papers off the backs of others without getting their paper taken. The person with the most parts of the prayer wins!

For He is the living God!
His word endures forever!
His kingdom will not be destroyed,
His dominion will never end.
He rescues, and He saves;
He performs signs and wonders
in the heavens and on the earth.
He has rescued Daniel from the power of the lions.

GOD'S PROTECTION

Take an empty narrow-necked bottle (this could represent the den). Place a small model of a man (representing Daniel) into the bottle. Draw a picture of a lion on a small piece of paper. (Alternatively, you could just write 'Lion' on your paper). Screw the paper up into a small ball. Hold your bottle in a horizontal position and place the paper into it's neck. Invite as many children as you wish to try and blow the paper into the bottle, thus representing the lion's attempt to get to Daniel. You will find that the children will be unable to blow the paper from the neck into the main body of the bottle! In fact, the opposite will happen, and the paper will be propelled backwards right out of the bottle. The harder someone blows, the faster and further the paper will be propelled away from Daniel and the bottle.

Explanation. There is already air in your 'empty' bottle, and when someone blows more air into the bottle (whilst attempting to blow the paper in), this will result in the air pressure inside the bottle now becoming higher than that outside - with the result that the paper is forced away from the bottle rather than into it.



Chillin' with the Lions

Read or tell the story of Daniel in the Lion's Den:

Daniel 6:6-24

FAITH OVER FEAR

Before class, take an old glove and draw or glue the following letters on the knuckles: F-E-A-R. You will take two empty plastic water bottles and tightly cap one of them. Do not cap the other bottle. During class, you will put on the glove and form a fist to show the word fear. Then you will hit both bottles. The uncapped bottle will crush, but the one that has the cap on tight will not crush. You will compare the uncapped bottle to a person without faith, and the capped bottle to a person who has faith. Although faith itself is not visible, what faith produces is easy to see.

BY FAITH CHARADES

Write each of the following acts of faith on slips of paper to play charades.

- Noah & the Ark
- Abraham offering Isaac as a sacrifice
- Moses at the Red Sea
- The Wall of Jericho
- David & Goliath
- Daniel in the Lion's Den

Lion Snack

Take 2 Ritz crackers. Spread peanut butter on one. Use pretzel sticks to create a mane. Put the second cracker on top. Use raisins or mini M&Ms to create eyes and a mouth. Enjoy!

theological and philosophical beliefs. Within weeks of his arrival, Hus was seized and placed on trial for heresy. Hus was imprisoned in chains in a Franciscan monastery's dungeon. Poorly fed and clothed in winter, he became increasingly weak and ill. Throughout his trial, Hus steadfastly asked that his writings and teachings be tested against Scripture. On the 5th of July, 1415, Hus was found guilty of heresy. He was asked to renounce, recant, and deny his errors. Hus refused to do so. On the 6th of July, Hus was led out to be burned at the stake. Given one last chance to recant, Hus refused. Burned alive, his bones were then broken, and subsequently his bones and ashes were scattered in the river Rhine.

Martin Luther is said to have found a copy of Jan Hus's sermons, and in reading them stated, "I was overwhelmed with astonishment." Luther later wrote, "I could not understand for what cause they had burnt so great a man, who explained the Scriptures with so much gravity and skill." ... "If such a man is to be regarded as a heretic, no person under the sun can be looked upon as a true Christian." ... "If this man was not a generous and intrepid martyr and confessor of Christ, certainly it would be difficult for any man to be saved." Martin Luther would go on to translate many of Hus's letters and theological writings from the Latin into German, using Hus's arguments as a foundation for his own seminal work.

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Wounded Healer

- by Rev. Vanessa Mitchell

A loved one is sick
Take the temperature
Have tissues close by
An ice pack
A heating pad
Some chicken soup
Lots of fluids

A loved one is sick
How do you help the one who has
always been there for you?
Your helper
Your healer
Your heart's affection
How do you help the wounded
healer?

Prayers for certain will reverberate
in the Lord's Mighty Throne.

Compassion for certain will reso-
nate within the wounded healer's
thoughts and feelings.

Assistance of every kind for cer-
tain will make a difference for the
wounded healer.

What the wounded healer needs
the most, however, is that you stand
with this special one before Christ

At the foot of the Cross

Not merely asking for a blessed
outcome,

But standing with this special one
before Christ

At the foot of the Cross

Asking Jesus Christ in faith in Him
for His seamless Presence through
every aspect of life but even more so,

Asking Jesus Christ in faith in Him
for His seamless Presence within the
two of you

Stand in the gap for this wounded
healer who has been there for you
through thick and thin.

Stand in the overpowering Blessed
Presence of Christ Himself!

Stand and offer all of yourself in
worship to the King of Kings.

Absolutely boldly ask for holy
outcomes in this time of woundedness
or illness for your loved one

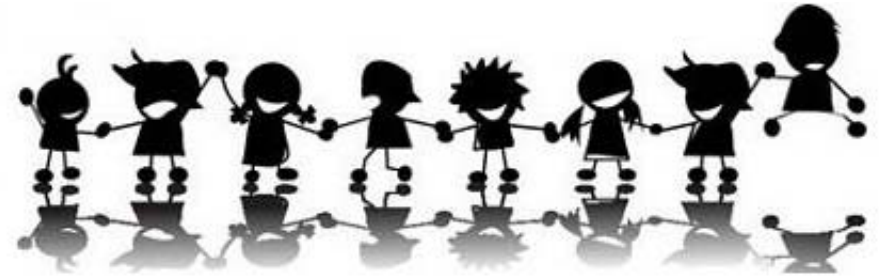
Your helper

Your healer

Your heart's affection

Then take a single step past asking
for holy outcome and ask Christ to
help you to stand with Him during
this time.

In Exodus 17, God's people were



Sunday School Helper

In the same way, let your light shine before
others, that they may see your good deeds
and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

Our next hero of the Old Testament was a true
lion tamer – Daniel. The story of Daniel can be
used to illustrate many Biblical truths. You can
teach about character, how actions reveal
beliefs, bravery, the love of God, the provision of
God. It is also a story that most children have
heard many times. This can make it difficult to
get kids to engage in the story... they may feel
like they have been there and done that! So, use
some of these ideas to add a new twist to your
Daniel Lesson!

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Mutual Aid Convention Invitation

The Administrative Board of the Mutual Aid Society extends an invitation to all Ministers, Delegates, and Members of the Society to attend its 65th Biennial Convention to be held Saturday, July 21, 2018, at the Taylor Brethren Church. A warm welcome is extended to visitors who would like to observe the proceedings. We also ask you to remember this gathering in your prayers.

Rev. Joseph J. Polasek
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nomads in the desert. They came to face many enemies. Moses stood for them before God. God provided them with words of healing through Moses as well as water and food to survive. One day, Moses, the wounded healer, wounded by the lack of appreciation from those he loved and wounded from the countless challenges of the journey, grew weary and needed help:

Moses said to Joshua, "Choose some men for us and go out, fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand." So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed; and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands grew weary; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; so his hands were steady until the sun set. And Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the sword. Then the Lord said to Moses, "Write this as a reminder in a book and recite it in the hearing of Joshua: I will utterly

blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven." And Moses built an altar and called it, The Lord is my banner. (Exodus 17:9-15, NRSV)

Who is wounded around you?

What friends or family could you take with you to help this person fight through whatever is happening?

Does that person need something to sit on?

Does that person need help getting around?

How long will you help the wounded healer, the one who is often there for you?

Do you accept accolades for helping or do you direct all thanks to God?

A loved one is sick
Take the temperature
Have tissues close by
An ice pack
A heating pad
Some chicken soup
Lots of fluids

A loved one is sick
How do you help the one who has always been there for you?
Your helper
Your healer



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Your heart's affection
How do you help the one who has
always been there for you?
How do you help the wounded
healer?

In Jesus' Hands, **The one who is
our wounded healer and calls out to us
to help the wounded healers in our
lives,**
Right With You,
Sister Vanessa Mitchell

Prime Timers' Retreat 2018 Invitation

Mark Your Calendars!

The Prime Timers' Committee invites all Unity members and friends to the 24th Annual Prime Timers' Retreat at the Hus School Encampment in Caldwell, TX. on Friday, October 12, 2018, through Sunday, October 14, 2018.

Details & Registrations will be sent to each congregation and should be available for download on the Unity website in August.

Those who want the full experience can stay in either a dormitory or cabin for the weekend at the camp, while others can come for the just day on Saturday; enjoying worship, Bible study, entertainment, good food, reconnection, relaxation, and fellowship. Our ages range from 40 and above.

Come join the fun, while also supporting the Hus Encampment.

For more information, call Donna Verwold at (713) 553-5542, or email dmverold@yahoo.com.

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Guerrero. We were able to help set up contacts for Ragib & Fabi and their two boys to begin this month to live in the Mixtec village of Atlamajacingo. This is through our friend Lamberto, from Ometepec now, but originally from this town. Please pray for them as they explore ways to be good neighbors and communicate the Good News in deed, and eventually word.

Also, keep our catechist friends from Lachixio (la-chi-si-yo) in your prayers. We won't see any of these folks for a couple months, but as soon as we get back we want to visit and see what is going on. I have several good reasons to go there, as I am called in to fix the sawmill and other equipment.

Thanks again for your prayer and other support. We look forward to seeing whichever ones of you are in our travel path this summer, and please know that all of you are in our thoughts and prayers, too.

Robert & Anne

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE

*"Bear ye one another's burdens
And so fulfill the Law of
Christ."* (Gal. 6:2)

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asked whether it would be possible to organize neighborhood Bible studies using the Proclaimers. This is an idea we will continue to pursue in the future, though this might involve talking to the priest.

Because of our occasional contact with this town, we've decided to approach it as a community, telling the gospel story, offering the Bible in their language, and looking for ways to lead them into Bible study. As Evangelicals, we differ from the Catholics of Lachixio: we don't lay claim to entire towns if they don't follow Jesus. We expect faith and a heart change. Pray that we will find creative ways to present the gospel there.

Blessings, Anne and Robert

Monday, April 30, 2018

Subject: Summer Travels

Dear friends,

These last days of April make me think of how 30 years ago this month I left Ontario to go live in Honduras for three years. How much that changed my life! I met Anne there. I realized that I enjoyed living and serving cross-culturally and wanted to pursue this. I learned so much about the Kingdom of God and the different ways we can participate in that. I made friends, learned languages, ate "odd" food, and saw wonders I hadn't even dreamed of. And, I discovered the network of friends, family and churches that has grown to be all of you who today sustain us with many kinds of support. Thanks so much!

In a few days we are starting a busy couple months of travel. We are



flying up Wednesday to be at Philip's graduation in Texas this Saturday, then driving with him to the Chicago area to be at Mikael and Elai's graduation on Sunday. We won't make it to Cailey's graduation a week later, but will be helping M&E begin the move to Atlanta, where he has a job set up. Then Philip and Cailey's wedding is May 19th in Colorado. All that in two weeks! Lots of flying and driving.

Then both sets of kids and we will be in Ontario the last weekend of May to join with the extended Thiessen network celebrating three boys' weddings with a combined shower. We'll be staying a few weeks there to visit friends and churches, and then a few weeks more in North Carolina for more of the same.

The group of Mexican missionaries, Sin Fronteras (Without Borders – the group we have come alongside over the last years) continues to grow and extend into unreached villages in

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Monday, April 23, 2018

Subject: The Cathecists of Lachixio

Dear friends,

Five hundred years ago, teams of Catholic monks stepped off Spanish ships throughout the entire Western hemisphere with the intent to convert the local population. They saw that many of the Indian people were being enslaved because they were not considered human, or they died by the millions from plagues that the conquerors unwittingly brought with them. The monks were determined to save these people, and today most of all Latin America calls itself Catholic because of their work. One of the towns the monks converted to Christianity was Lachixio, a town we've mentioned before. It's Zapotec – not the language we've focused on, and Robert's visits to help them run their sawmill are infrequent.

But his friend, Juan, was willing to open some doors for him, and we wrote some time ago about an opportunity we had to present a quilt and some Bible Proclaimers (recordings of the New Testament in their dialect) to the town authorities – quite a public affair, and well received.

Yesterday Juan (not yet interested in the gospel himself) opened another door so that we could meet with the town catechists, people assigned by the town for two-year terms to lead the town in their faith. We met with five of them. When we arrived at the church, there was a children's Sunday School in full swing on the patio, the kids all standing and coloring at long tables set up on the church patio. The teachers were playing songs – "You are the air I breathe," and "When the Spirit of God moves in me" – Evangelical praise songs. The catechists explained how the local priest trains them once a month to help lead Bible readings and prayers.

We explained that our purpose in

meeting with them was to give them each a Bible Proclaimer in Zapotec. They said that they had heard this Bible being played on the town sound system, so they knew it was around, but they had no idea how to get one. We showed them how to use it and then asked for permission to tell

them a story. Using rocks, a black strap, water, and a candle, we presented the gospel message to them. We told them that this was the easiest way for us to explain ourselves to them and for them to see what they thought of us and our message.

From what we could tell, they very much enjoyed the gospel story as we presented it. "The way I see it," one of them said, "the black rocks are the wrong things in our lives." Yep. He got it.

After we finished, we asked about their work in the church. We asked how much of the town participated in



church life. They guessed maybe 10%. They were sad about this and suggested two reasons – work and alcohol. By their count, 100% of Lachixio is Catholic, because 100% of the population was baptized Catholic at birth. These catechists are responsible for the entire town, but they are frustrated because they don't know what to do about the nominal members. Their priest is responsible for 12 different towns and spends his time holding mass for them all. This is a total population of some 20,000 people. Imagine pastoring 20,000 people. We



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